

REMARKS

By this response, claims 1-20 are pending. The Examiner has rejected each of the claims 1-20. For purposes of this response, the dependent claims may stand or fall with the independent claim 1. Accordingly, no discussion of Casgrain is included.

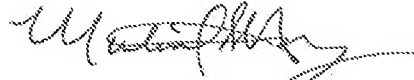
The cited patent reference does not teach all of the required elements of claim 1. Specifically, the reference does not teach a coupling element operatively connected to the power transmission member between the end sections as required by the claim. For this reason, claim 1, and those claims that depend therefrom, are believed to distinguish over the cited prior art references. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejections be reversed.

The Applicant is believed to have addressed all of the issues presented in the Office Action and it is respectfully submitted that the case is in condition for allowance. In the event that some unforeseen point still remains to be considered in order to obtain allowance of all of the claims, it is respectfully requested that the Applicant's representative be telephoned at the number below so that the final allowance can be expedited.

If any additional fees are due, although none are believed due, the undersigned authorizes their deduction from Deposit Account No. 11-0978.

Respectfully submitted,

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